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RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Jarrolds Valley, WV
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 661X)

Gentlemen:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on September 2, 2005, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated August 26, 2005 from Ms. Susan Pierce, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer stating *The fact that the line will remain in use as intended by its original construction warrants a No Adverse Effect determination.*

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Lou Gitomer, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC, 20005
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August 26, 2005

Mr. Dave Geraci
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RE: Docket AB-55 (Sub No. 656X)
FR#: 05-1223-RG

Dear Mr. Geraci:

We have reviewed the above referenced project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the abandonment of the CSX Transportation rail-line between Jarrolds Valley Junction and end of track new Clear Creek in Raleigh County. The total mileage for abandonment is 15.12. The track was constructed in 1902 by the Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Railroad and therefore may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for trends in railway transportation and the movement of goods.

It is our understanding that the rail-line will not be completely abandoned but sold to a coal operator for continued use. The fact that the line will remain in use as intended by its original construction warrants a No Adverse Effect determination. The tracks and identifying features such as bridges will remain in place, thus not detracting from the historic integrity of the rail-line.

However, this office requests additional information for our records. Please complete a Historic Property Inventory (HPI) form for each bridge and tunnel, if any, located along the line proposed for abandonment. Furthermore, please map the rail-line using a standard USGS topographical map indicating UTM coordinates every .004" along the line for accuracy in mapping the rail-line. We look forward to receiving the requested materials. This information will be added to our survey files to facilitate future reviews.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Ryan Burns, Historian, in the Historic Preservation Office at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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